



# Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – January 2022  
SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. I hope you all managed to have a restful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for whatever 2022 brings!

The children have settled well into school and are working hard. I have been showing different people around school over the last week and a half and all have commented on how polite and respectful and happy the children are which we are very proud of!

Please can you make sure that children arrive to school on time, we are noticing a few issues with punctuality. If children miss the important early work this can leave them unsettled in the morning and it can distract the class from their learning when children arrive after registration. The doors open at 8.40am and children should be in school by 8.50am to arrive to school on time before registration closes. We have noticed families arriving after 9am, sometimes as late as 9.15am.

We extend a warm welcome to Ms Burch who is teaching in Year 2 and Ms Gilliam who is providing additional support teaching in year 6 this term.

The staff and I would also like to thank you for your very kind gifts and cards that were received at the end of term. They were much appreciated and it was very thoughtful of you.

Miss J E Garlick  
Interim Headteacher

## **Covid Guidance Update**

We have had a few positive cases in school so please do watch out for any symptoms, however mild they seem and arrange for a lateral flow test for your child before sending them to school with symptoms. There have been some changes to the self-isolation requirements - Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required

to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

### **Christmas FSM vouchers**

If you were a recipient of the Christmas holiday voucher, please note these are only valid for 3 months. In order to ensure that their value is not lost, the Council will redeem the Christmas holiday codes and re-allocate unspent vouchers before they expire. In order for our families to get the intended support from this scheme it is essential to redeem your voucher no later than the 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### **The Friends of Hughenden Primary School**

Please note all communications for the PTA should be addressed to [friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com). If you have a query regarding an event led by the PTA, please contact them directly, not the school office in order that your query can be addressed promptly.

The PTA rely heavily on support from all the parents to ensure the workload is evenly distributed for everyone's enjoyment. Please support them by volunteering when the requests come through asking for help – thank you.

### **Happy Puzzle Day Challenge Day – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Thank you to the PTA for kindly agreeing to fund the Challenge Puzzle Day for the whole school. This is a fun-filled in-school event aimed at promoting team building, thinking skills which will benefit children of all abilities and ages.

### **School Crossing Patroller – Vacancy**

A vacancy has arisen for the School Crossing Patroller on the Valley Road to start from January 2022. This is a crucial role to fill to ensure children can safely cross the road and walk to meet their parents and it makes a huge difference in easing congestion by the school.

If you are interested in applying, in the first instance, please contact Georgina Longley for further details on 01494 586639/07734 481586, [Georgina.Longley@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Georgina.Longley@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). This is a job share to work alongside the existing crossing patroller.

### **Clubs Timetable – Spring 22 Term**

We have emailed the Clubs Timetable out for the coming term but have yet to confirm arrangements for Football. This will follow when we have made contact with the new football coach and confirmed dates and times.

Please note, for Premier Sport Archery/Fencing, the new terms club starts on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 as they have used the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for a catch up from a missed session in the Autumn term.

All the details of how to book for each club are detailed on the Clubs Timetable. This can also be found on the school website under the Clubs tab.

### **Uniform**

Full uniform including school shoes and ties should now be worn everyday. PE kit should now be brought into school and kept in school, NOT worn on PE days. The uniform list is here for anyone who wants a reminder: [https://www.hughendenprimary.co.uk/website/uniform\\_1/](https://www.hughendenprimary.co.uk/website/uniform_1/)

A reminder that the only jewellery that should be worn are stud earrings and a wristwatch. Please also ensure that any hair bobbles, bows or scrunchies are discreet and not 'fashion items.' These can be worn on Mufti days but are not part of everyday school uniform.

### **Permission to Walk Home**

Children in Upper KS2 (years 5/6), with permission from parents or carers, are able to walk home or to a meeting point – if you would like your child to do this and have not yet given consent to do so, please ask the school office for a form to complete or send an email to the school office. Please make sure your child knows the arrangements. This is for a long standing arrangement. For any last minute arrangements, please continue to notify us and supply a password if the person collecting is unknown to the staff.

### **Mobile Phones**

Children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring in their mobile phones and must hand them into the school office on arrival. Before sending your child into school with their phone, please request the permission slip from the school office. Thank you.

**SPRING TERM 2022**

25/4/2022 8/7/2022 2/9/2022 21/10/2022 19/12/2022 20/12/2022 7/7/2023	INSET DAYS
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 – 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 incl. (every Wednesday)	Swimming – Year 3
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30am – please book in advance via email/phone
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Cross County Festival @ The Misbourne – Year 3, 4, 5, 6
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2022	Year 4 & Year 5 - Young Voices – <b>Postponed – new date to be advised</b>
9-11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022	Woodrow Year 5 Residential
21-25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half Term
16/3/2022	Year 5 Sports Festival @ The Misbourne
6/4/2022	Year 3 Sports Festival @ The Misbourne (instead of swimming)
8/4/2022	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish
11th-22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022	Easter Holidays
4/5/2022	Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne
23/5/2022	Tempest Photography – Class Photos
26/05/2022	Sports Festival Year 2 @ The Misbourne
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Half Term
6-10 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Isle of Wight Year 6 Residential
8/6/2022	Sports Festival Year 4 @ The Misbourne
23/6/2022	Sports Festival Year 6 @ The Misbourne
13/7/2022	Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Village Day – Heroes and Heroines Past & Present more information to follow
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish